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Title: HOLDING DEVICE FOR MONOLITHIC SORBENTS

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:


In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements and Notification of a Defective Oath or Declaration mailed 10 March 2000, attached is a substitute Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application which has been executed by the inventors, as well as a copy of the Notification.

The Surcharge of \$130.00 for providing the Declaration later than 30 months from the original priority date is included in the attached check.

Applicants request that the time for responding to this action be extended two month(s) to JUNE 10, 2000, the enclosed check including the statutory fee of \$380.00.

The Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayments to, counsel's deposit account No. 13-3402, duplicate copies of this paper being attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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